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GSA ADMINISTRATOR TESTIFIES ON NETWORX BEFORE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT REFORM

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Today U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) Administrator Stephen A. Perry testified before the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Government Reform about the strategy for GSA's government-wide telecommunications acquisition, Networx.

"We appreciate the opportunity offered by the Government Reform Committee at this hearing today to provide information about the development of the Networx acquisition strategy and to receive additional input from our stakeholders as we finalize the request for proposal (RFP) for this significant telecommunications acquisition," said Administrator Perry.

The Networx program will provide comprehensive, telecommunications and network services and solutions to all federal agency customers. "Excellence in acquisition and getting best value for federal agencies and the American taxpayer are GSA's top priorities," said Administrator Perry. He further added, "GSA's Networx acquisition will accomplish these goals in the telecommunications arena, enabling agencies to focus on their mission-critical tasks and be confident that the telecommunications systems acquired on the Networx contracts will meet their needs for traditional services and emerging technologies."

The program will serve as the primary replacement for expiring government-wide telecommunications contracts. The Networx program consists of two simultaneous acquisitions: Networx Universal and Networx Enterprise. Networx Universal service providers will provide service to all government locations currently served under existing programs, as well as all commercial locations served by the offeror. Networx Enterprise offerors will bid a core set of Internet Protocol or wireless services to a specified geographic profile.

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